

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas. March 22nd 1917:

The Council was called to order by Mayor pro tem Powell:

Roll called : Present Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Mayor Wooldridge 1

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved:

The Chair laid before the Council the following report from the City Clerk:

Austin, Texas ,March 20th 1917:

Hon Mayor, and City Council:

City of Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen :

In compliance with the City Charter, I have the honor to report the following as the result of the Primary Election held in this City on the 19th day of March A D 1917, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and four Councilmen ,to be voted upon at the general election to be held on the 2nd day of April A D 1917, viz :

Report City Clerk primary election

For Mayor:	A P Wooldridge received	390 votes
For Councilman :	W B Anthony received	394 votes
For do	E C Bartholomew received	399 votes
For do	H L Haynes received	399 votes
For do	P W Powell received	396 votes
Total votes cast at said election		411.
Respectfully submitted by		9

Jno O - Johnson,
City Clerk.

The report was ordered filed:

J A Dunman driver service car

The chair laid before the Council an application from J A Dunman ,for license as driver of service car ,which was granted by the following vote:

Yeas Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 4

Nays none:

The Chair laid before the Council the following petition:

Austin, Texas, March 15th 1917 :

The Hon Mayor of Austin.

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir :

We have leased the property on corner Nueces and West 6th street, from Mr Joe Fisher, and we wish to make application to the City Council for permission to install and operate a drive-in filling station at this place ,and to conform to all City ordinances governing same .

Gulf Refining Co

This station will not be a curb station ,but cars will drive in the lot to be filled with gasoline ,this avoiding congestion of traffic.

This will be a very attractive place ,and the plans will be carried out ,as personally reported to you by me.

Yours very truly,
B K Williams, Agent,
Gulf refining Company, Austin, Texas.

The petition was granted by the following vote:

Yeas Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 4
Absent Mayor Wooldridge 1

The chair laid before the Council the following communication:

To the Hon Mayor and City Council:

We desire to install a Bowser tank and equipment on our property on West 4th street. This equipment to be of most modern character and nature. We respectfully ask that this petition be investigated, and if practicable allowed.

Respectfully,

Nelson Davis & Son,

By I P Davis.

On motion the petition was granted, the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer, by the following vote:

Yeas Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Mayor Wooldridge 1

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That permit is hereby granted to Cullen and Caswell to install and maintain a hose rack of a type to be approved by the Supt of Police and Public Safety, at the curb line in front of Nos 106 & 112 East 8th street, in the City of Austin, Tx. Resolved further:

That in connection with this hose rack said Cullen and Caswell are likewise authorized to install and maintain three pipe lines not larger than one-half inch ^{internal} in diameter across and underneath the sidewalk in front of Nos 106 & 112 East 8th street in such position as designated by the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements, said sidewalk to be replaced in first class condition and according to specifications for sidewalks heretofore adopted by the City Council for the construction of sidewalks in the City of Austin.

Resolved further:

That the hose through which air and water are conveyed must be kept, when not in actual use, neatly coiled and suspended from the brackets upon the rack hereby authorized to be installed.

Resolved further:

That the work under this resolution authorized to be installed and maintained where not otherwise assigned, shall be under the immediate supervision of the City Engineer of the City of Austin, Texas, who is hereby authorized to prescribe necessary specifications for the work authorized to be done.

Resolved further and finally:

That this permit is granted only for the installation of a hose rack and necessary piping and does not include the installation or construction of a storage box for hose underneath the sidewalk and must be accepted as revocable at any time in the pleasure of the City Council.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Mayor Wooldridge 1

Approved, P W Powell, Mayor pro tem

Nelson
Davis & Son
Austin

Cullen & Caswell
Hose Rack

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the sum of \$ 1,000.00, be and the same is hereby transferred from the unappropriated balance in the Sanitary Sewer fund to the account of house connections and short line extensions as shown in sewer budget.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Mayor Wooldridge 1,

Approved, P W Powell, Mayor, pro tem.

Councilman Anthony moved that a fine in the Recorders Court against T M Rabb be remitted which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Mayor Wooldridge 1

Councilman Haynes presented the report of the Auditor, which was ordered filed.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the sum of \$ 350.00, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitary sewer fund to pay for the construction of 750 feet of six inch sewer line in Travis Heights in order to furnish sewerage service for six properties.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Mayor Wooldridge 1

Approved: P W Powell, Mayor pro tem.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the sum of \$ 520.00, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitary Sewer fund to purchase 4000 lineal feet of 6 inch Sewer pipe .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Mayor Wooldridge 1

Approved, P W Powell, Mayor pro tem

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Resolution approving City Engineers report concerning improvements upon West Avenue, in this City, from the north property line of West 6th street to the South property line of West 19th street ,and directing a hearing to property owners concerning the assessment for a part of the Cost of such improvements against them and their property, fixing a time for said hearing and directing that a notice be given to said property owners concerning the said hearing.

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, has heretofore determined to improve West Avenue ,from the north property line of West 6th street to the south property line of West 19th street, in the City of Austin, Texas, by paving the same with light standard Bitulithio pavement MIX upon gravel concrete foundation with concrete gutters along curb lines and necessary excavation, and has adopted specifications for said work and has entered into contract for the same with the Texas Bitulithio Company, a corporation; and Whereas, the City Engineer of the City of Austin, Texas, has this day filed his report in writing with the City Council ,showing the total cost of the said improvements upon the

Transfer funds

M Rabb
fine remitted

Sewer line
Travis Heights

Purchase
Sewer Pipe

Paving Work
Avenue
Engineers report

said street, the amount per front feet of abutting property to be paid by the owners thereof, and also the names of persons, estates or Corporations owning property abutting on said improvements, with a description of their property and a statement of the total amount payable by each of said owners for said improvements; and

Whereas, the City Council has examined the said report and finds the same correct; and

Whereas, the necessity exists that a portion of the cost of the said improvements could be assessed against said property owners and their property subject to the terms of the Charter of the City and the ordinance in such cases made and provided, and after the notice and hearing provided by said Charter and ordinance;

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

1. That the said report of the City Engineer be, and the same is hereby approved.
 2. That a portion of the cost of making the said improvements shall be assessed against said owners of property abutting on West Avenue, in this City, from the north property line of West 6th street to the south line of West 19th street in the City of Austin, Texas, and against said property; that the said assessment shall be made at the rate of \$ 3.78 per front feet of such property in accordance with the front feet rule or plan, in proportion as the frontage of each owner in each block of said street is to the whole frontage in that block to be improved provided that if said rule of apportionment shall appear to the City Council to be unjust or unequal in any particular case, or to result in an assessment in excess of the benefits received through said improvements by any owner or his property, the City Council shall adopt such rule of apportionment as shall effect substantial equality and justice between said property owners, considering benefits received by and burdens imposed upon said owners, and that in no case shall any assessment be made in excess of the actual benefits received by the owners of said property though the enhanced value thereof by means of said improvement.
 3. That a hearing shall be given before the Council to said property owners on the 5th day of April A D, 1917, at 10 O'clock A M, at the Mayers Office in the City Hall, in the City of Austin, Texas, at which hearing said property owners, their agents or Attorneys shall be fully and fairly heard as to all matters concerning the said improvements or any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings with reference thereto, or as to the benefits thereof, if any, to their property, and as to the assessment proposed to be made against them and their property, and as to any other matter or thing connected therewith.
- At which hearing the said owners shall have the right to produce witnesses and testimony, and which hearing shall be adjourned from time to time and from day to day until all are fully heard and all matters in connection with the said improvements and assessment are fully ascertained; that after the said hearing

- shall be closed, said City Council will proceed to assess against owners of property upon said street and their property, who shall agree with the said Council upon the said assessments, such sums as may be so agreed upon and determined as provided by the Charter of the City and the said ordinance; and that as to any such property owner who may not so agree, the City Council will, after said hearing, appoint a commission to determine said assessment, and will take such further steps in ascertainment thereof as are provided by the Charter and ordinance.

4. That the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements of said City of Austin, is hereby directed to give notice hereof to the said property owners, their agents and attorneys by publication of a copy of this resolution not less than twice in the Austin Statesman, a daily paper of general circulation in the City of Austin, the first publication to be not less than five days prior to the date of hearing.

5. That this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Mayor Wooldridge, 1

Approved, P W Powell, Mayor, pro tem.

March 26th 1917: All present :

Mayer Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the sum of \$ 1,073.03, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund and made payable to J W Maxwell and Brady, Lightfoot & Robertson as a twenty per centum commission upon the collection of \$ 5,365.15, for taxes for the years 1908 & 1909 from the American National Insurance Co, of Galveston on securities deposited with the Treasurer of the State of Texas for these years.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

March 27th 1917: All present except Powell:

Mayer Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That the sum of \$ 93.40, be and the same is hereby ordered transferred from the appropriation made in the 1917 budget for general street fund for tarviating the speedway from 19th to 21st streets and re-appropriated to the account of repairs to two automobiles.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew & Haynes 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Mayer Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That the sum of \$ 265.00, be and the same is hereby ordered transferred from the appropriation made in the 1917 budget for the general street fund for tarviating the speedway from 19th to 21st streets and re-appropriated to pay salaries of one extra Engineer at \$ 135.00 per month for one month and for two redmen at \$ 2.50 per day for one month.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew & Haynes 4 Absent Councilman Powell

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

*Maxwell and
Commission
Accepted*

Transfer funds

Approved

March 28th : All present:

Mayer Wooldridge offered the following resolution: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the budget of the Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas, for the year 1917, be amended as follows :

The salary of the Chief Engineer of the Water & Light Plant be increased from \$ 135.00, per month , to \$ 140.00, per month.

That the salary of one electrical Line man with wagon be increased from \$ 90.00, per month to \$ 95.00, dollars per month .

That the salary of one electrical line man be increased from \$ 80.00 per month to \$ 85.00, dollars per month .

That the salary of one electric lineman with wagon be increased from \$ 85.00 dollars per month to \$ 87.50, per month .

That the salary of one Night Lineman be increased from \$ 85.00, per month to \$ 90.00, per month, and

Be it further resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the sum of \$ 270.00, be transferred from the unappropriated balance in the Water & Light fund to cover the increases in salaries hereinabove recommended and that \$ 270.00, be appropriated to the purpose of said increase of salaries.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor:

Mayer Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Whereas, on February 7th 1917, E M Weiss of Travis County, Texas, paid sixty five (\$ 65.00), in payment in full let 118 , Section "A", Oakwood Cemetery Annex and deed for same was executed and delivered to the said Weiss on February 8th 1917.; and

Whereas, said deed has been lost or mislaid and cannot after diligent search be found,

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the Mayor of this City be and he is hereby authorized to execute a duplicate deed to said above described lot.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

Whereas, it appearing to the City Council that A A Mundt has completed the construction of the concrete bridge across Waller creek at 24th street to the satisfaction of the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements,

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

Budget
Amended

Whereas, on February 7th 1917, E M Weiss of Travis County, Texas, paid sixty five (\$ 65.00), in payment in full let 118 , Section "A", Oakwood Cemetery Annex and deed for same was executed and delivered to the said Weiss on February 8th 1917.; and

Whereas, it appearing to the City Council that A A Mundt has completed the construction of the concrete bridge across Waller creek at 24th street to the satisfaction of the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements,

That the Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas, be and he is hereby authorized to execute in favor of the American Indemnity Company of Galveston, Texas, a release of its obligation upon the bond securing to the City by A A Mundtin the construction of same.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Weeldridge, Mayor:

The Council then adjourned.

J. O. Johnson
City Clerk